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BELLE GLADE — PAHOKEE, FL.

Record sugar crop harvested

The harvest season for sugar cane has ended, sugar mills in the area have closed in the last few weeks and reports from the Florida Sugar Cane League indicate that this year's sugar production was at an all-time high.

Florida's sugar industry produced a record crop of 1,121,490 tons of raw sugar during the 1980-81 harvest season exceeding the previous record of 1975-76 by more than 60,000 tons.

This year's production even surpassed the sugar production of Hawaii, historically the largest domestic producer, by about 100,000 tons.

Approximately 70 million gallons of molasses were also produced from the 10.6 million tons of sugarcane ground during the five-month season which ran from late October until about mid-December.

"Despite the four freezes this past season we have managed to have the best year ever," said Roy Vandenberg, president of the Florida Sugar Cane League. "I feel this speaks very highly for the efficiency of Florida's sugar producers and processors."

In January, temperatures dipped into the mid 20s in the southern and easternmost areas of the 300,000 acres of land where sugarcane is grown surrounding southeast Lake Okeechobee.

"We were very fortunate to have excellent growing conditions after the freezes," said Dalton Yancey, vice president and general manager of the Florida Sugar Cane League. "The weather experienced immediately after the freezes kept the cane from deteriorating."

Yancey said next year's crop will depend on growing conditions during this summer.

During the 1980-81 season, Florida's sugar industry generated more than \$1.7 billion of economic activity and over 25,000 year-round jobs in South Florida.

Additionally, Florida produces approximately 10 percent of the sugar annually consumed in the United States.

As a nation, between 40 and 45 percent of the 10.8 million tons of sugar consumed annually must be imported from foreign producers.



COUNTDOWN to balloon launch nears. Andree LaBelle brings a cluster of balloons out to her waiting Lakeshore Elementary School students Friday, March 20. Students simultaneously

released 500 balloons about 11:30 a.m. as part of the Weekly Reader Writing Pals Balloon Contest.

Staff photo by Jim Jones
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Pahokee to receive \$400,000 community development grant

PAHOKEE — Phelix Sloanaker, chairman of the Palm Beach County Community Development Department Advisory Council and building inspector for the City of Pahokee told the Pahokee City Council at its regular Tuesday night meeting the city will be receiving approximately 400,000 in services from the county's Community Development

Department.

Sloanaker said the allocation was made as a result of the seventh year application proposal.

A large percentage of the work needed to complete Pelican Park is eligible for funding," said Sloanaker.

The fence around the softball field at Pelican Park was installed today, and plans for another

softball field lights and a community center are included in the seventh year application," said Sloanaker.

"The renovation of city hall and the fire department, swimming pool and tennis courts at the present are ineligible to receive any of the monies for 1981-82," said Sloanaker.

Sloanaker said five tenants had applied to have

their home renovated or replaced by Community Development but only three of the five were approved.

"Two of the applicants made too much money to have Community Development receive their bid," Sloanaker added.

Jerry Krann, disaster director of the American

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'Prisoner' is an artistic success

Prisoner of Second Avenue, the Neil Simon play which opened on an improvised stage at Palm Beach Junior College-Glades Friday night, March 20, was an artistic and commercial success.

Going into his final performance Tuesday night, the play had been sold out three straight nights, although no shows accounted for some empty seats.

Dr. Barry Russel, director of the Glades College and Community Theatre presentation, thought that Friday night's performance would be impossible to top. After all, his young

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JAMES MONTGOMERY and Anita Adams delighted a near capacity opening night crowd who turned out to see "The Prisoner of Second Avenue," produced by the Glades College and Community Theatre Group.

Staff photo by Jim Jones

Briefly

ARC sponsors dance

BELLE GLADE — This year's Black Gold Jubilee Dance will be hosted by the Association for Retarded Citizens Glades Area with proceeds benefiting the ARC. The dance is scheduled for Saturday, April 11 at the Belle Glade Elks Lodge. Music will be furnished by Simon Train Productions featuring the band Amarillo.

The dance will begin at 9 p.m. and end at 1 a.m. Tickets are \$20 per couple and are available from any ARC members or by calling the ARC office at 996-4335.

WEATHER REPORT

Date	Max	Min	R.F.
Tuesday, March 17	76	48	.00
Wednesday, March 18	81	57	.04
Thursday, March 19	72	62	.00
Friday, March 20	69	45	.00
Saturday, March 21 (Frost)	76	36	.00
Sunday, March 22	81	49	.51
Monday, March 23	72	60	.00

Higher salaries requested

By Scott Ellis

Nurses are underpaid, and a shortage could soon occur if their wages aren't raised, a Glades General Hospital official said Tuesday.

Glades Chief of Staff Dr. Manuel Soto warned of an impending crisis in the nursing field if Glades hospital and in hospitals across the country unless salaries were raised soon. Soto made the comments at Tuesday's Glades General Hospital Board meeting.

"It has to come up and it needs to come up soon," Soto said. "The time has come...nurses

have been underpaid for years. We have to do something or we're not going to have many more."

Board secretary Katherine Williams stated that starting salaries for Glades General Hospital nurses were about \$14,500 a year. Chairman Sandra Chamberlain added that Glades General was "leading the area in nurse wages," with top nurses receiving more than \$18,000 yearly.

But Soto pointed out that nurses in other areas -- such as New York and Hollywood -- are making around \$18,000 per year.

on the average. Soto commented at last month's board meeting about the need for more nurses at Glades General. Tonight, he said he thought higher salaries would help attract more applicants.

Glades General has had problems in recruiting nurses, Williams said. "Young nurses don't want to come here because there's no entertainment for them. And young marrieds are reluctant to come here because there's no housing," Williams said.

In other business, the board:

getting certificates of need from the federal Health Planning Council for construction of a new emergency room and birthing center. Cost of the room is estimated at \$750,000 and the center is estimated at \$650,000.

* Was informed of a change in the respiratory therapy system. To cut costs, which rose 40 percent last year, according to Administrator Pat Lennox, the hospital has hired its own therapist.

* Heard of the hiring of a new physical therapist.

* Voted to require two

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Athletic policies finalized

By JIM JONES

BELLE GLADE — Belle Glade City Commissioners approved policy changes for concession stand operation and softball play, and extended the lease on the Belle Glade Country Club 30 more days Monday, March 23.

With the new policy on softball, commissioners underscored their intention to only provide and schedule softball fields, and to let the leagues run themselves.

Last year, the city sponsored the leagues, a responsibility which brought with it the headaches of providing officials and settling disputes.

Commissioner Dorothy Walker remained concerned, as she was in a workshop a week ago, that taking the city out of the day-to-day management of the league might allow segregation to set in.

For the second time in many meetings, Walker asked Recreation Director John Rutledge if he had been approached by a group which intended to establish a segregated league.

"No, definitely not. Nobody approached me with that," Rutledge replied emphatically.

City Manager Rolfe Wagner argued strongly against the city attempting to establish the "complex mechanism" necessary to police league practices.

Actual discrimination would be a "blatant" violation of civil rights acts and could be addressed in other ways by the city, Wagner said.

Wagner said the city's only involvement with softball leagues is in the scheduling and maintenance of facilities.

Commissioners did approve a new fee schedule to help recoup the city's expenses for electricity. Softball leagues will be charged \$4 an hour for use of fields, while other activities will be charged \$7.50.

Also approved was a policy on the granting of concession rights at city parks.

No concession rights will be granted for athletic, sports, or city-sponsored recreational activities. Concession rights may be granted by the city for festivals, church, social, or service club gatherings.

In other business Monday, commissioners:

* Extended John Vayas' lease of the Belle Glade country club 30 days, while City Attorney John Baker completed the new contract.

At a workshop session two weeks ago, commissioners and Vayas agreed that several new provisions would be included in his contract: 1. Vayas will be responsible for the maintenance of restaurant supplies. 2. Vayas will be responsible for providing adequate security personnel to control patrons of the lounge and restaurant. 3. The restaurant will open not later than 9 a.m. on weekends Nov. 1 through May 31. 4. No obscene activities on the premises will be permitted, and 5. Maintenance of country club facilities will be Vayas' responsibility.

The extended lease will run through April 30.

* Authorized the Phi Theta Kappa honor fraternity of Palm Beach Junior College to hold a rummage sale on the parking lot of the Glades Campus April 4.

The fraternity will be allowed to sell booths to licensed merchants from the City of Belle Glade.

It will be the responsibility of the fraternity to check to see that each merchant is properly licensed.

City Attorney John Baker warned the commission about granting a "flea market" license, a provision which is not covered in city ordinances.

Baker said he is worried that if flea markets are allowed to start in Belle Glade, unscrupulous peddlers will move in with "merchandise as hot as a \$2 pistol on Saturday night."

Baker said he is concerned about peddlers "ripping off the public."

Commissioners believe that by limiting participation in the sale to licensed merchants they can prevent fly-by-night persons from peddling their wares under a guise of respectability.

* Approved an annexation ordinance for George L. Connell's East Lake Park Addition No. 4, which is located north of East Avenue A and west of Northeast 3rd Street.

Also approved was an estrow account agreement and final plat execution.

The final plat had to be amended in Monday night's meeting, however, because it turned out to be 25 feet longer to the north than in its original description.

* Received a safety report on canals which run through residential areas. Most of the canals appear to be owned by the South Florida Conservancy District.

Commissioners plan to work with the district to reduce hazards imposed by the canals in residential areas.

* Approved a deferred compensation plan for city manager Rolfe Wagner. The plan is set up through the International City Management Association Retirement Corp.

* Approved a non-commercial water user agreement with Jim Hooks Welding, Inc. on State Road 715. A request for two water hookups by William Johnson of 2036 W. Canal St. S. was deferred pending further study.

* Approved final payment on a cleaning and grouting contract with A-1 Pipe Service.

500 pen pal balloons launched

The children could hardly contain their excitement: In a few minutes a helicopter would be landing, bringing an east coast television personality to Belle Glade to talk about the weather.

For some unexplained reason, however, the helicopter and its TV weather man never landed at Lakeshore Elementary School Friday, March 20, but that didn't stop 500 children from filling the Glades sky with helium-filled balloons about 11:30 a.m. to conclude their Weekly Reader Writing Pals Balloon Contest.

Fifth grade teacher Andrea Labelle coordinated the contest locally, a program which taught the LES fifth and sixth graders a little bit about social studies, weather and math.

Friday morning started early for Ms. Labelle, who at 6:45 a.m. began inflating 500 balloons with the help of LES Assistant Principal Barbara Case and two tanks of helium donated by David Rhims of Lake Welding of Belle Glade.

Some of the students arrived about 7 a.m. to lend a hand with the tying.

Ms. Labelle noted the program cost the school nothing as Weekly Reader donated the balloons. The children's enthusiasm was evident and just like in some of those other launches which occur a little further north, the youngsters began counting in unison, "Three-two-one," releasing their balloons at once and filling the sky with a rainbow of color. They wished their balloons a long journey as the school which has the balloon traveling the farthest distance will receive a \$500 reward from Weekly Reader.

Library plans

Jubilee activities

Play

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KIWANIS CLUB of the Glades Members (left) Pres. Ed Rongione, Bob Hendricks and Larry Lamb, accept an award from Dee Ward, patient services coordinator of the Palm Beach District Muscular Dystrophy Association

(MDA). Lamb and Hendricks were head of the Belle Glade Kiwanis efforts in manning telephone lines from the Glades during the Jerry Lewis MD telethon in September. Staff

photo by Scott Ellis

group had delivered their lines to a receptive, laughing, applauding audience in a near perfect fashion.

But the topper came Monday night. "I was sitting at the rear of the room and laughing so hard I couldn't get up to go back stage," Dr. Russell said.

Childrens movies are being scheduled and Ms. Lilley is trying to line up one Walt Disney film. A puppet show is also being planned.

Their performance was nearly flawless, showing fine comedic timing.

"Jim (Montgomery) is a fine actor. If he wants it, he has a good future in acting. Anita is also very

talented. Both could possibly have careers as actors," Russell said.

Adams and Montgomery play Mel and Edna Edison, who suffer job loss, burglary, nervous break down and battles with neighbors. Some how, they make it all seem funny and sometimes hilarious.

Russell was pleased with his entire group, including the supporting cast and the production crew.

"The entire group has done as close to a pro-

fessional job as I could ask," he said.

The supporting cast included Byron Brayton, Karen Youschock, Karen Hansford, and Betty McCormick.

Technical director and lighting coordinator was 16 year old James V. Strohman. Gene Bair was the sound technician, Jesse Rivas the stage manager, Cyndi McKee the publicity director. Cathy Leeman, recording secretary, Bertha

Stewart, off stage speaker and wardrobe manager, and Odisee Gilmore, prompting coordinator.

Dr. Russell promised the same careful research in selecting the group's next production as went into Prisoner of Second Avenue. He said the next play would probably coincide with Palm Beach Junior College-Glades' opening of its cultural arts building.

The new building will be home to future presentations.

- Inspected the financial statement.
- Voted to accept offers for insurance for the new fiscal year. Lennon reported that due to the hospital's good safety record, the board might be able to save substantially on premiums.

14th International Day

planned at library

Belle Glade Public Library will hold its 14th International Day Saturday, April 4, in its multi-purpose room. Egypt will be spotlighted.

India, Ethiopia, Ireland, Scotland, Spain, and China are some of the countries featured earlier.

As with the other African countries, however, Egypt presents a special challenge, due to the difficulty in finding recipes for that part of the world.

Food tasting is one of the highlights of all the International Days, says Librarian Phyllis Lilley. Typically, Ms. Lilley and her staff whip up three or four dishes of native food, which include fried foods, breads, desserts, and a vegetable dish. The staff tries to prepare foods which can be eaten neatly with the fingers.

In their hunt for recipes some unusual circumstances sometimes arise. During the spotlight on China, no recipe could be found for fortune cookies, leading the library staff to wonder about the authenticity of the after dinner oriental snack.

Fortunately, many African recipes are favored by entire regions, rather than in single countries. Ms. Lilley was able to find a middle eastern cookbook with a section on Egypt. The cookbook is being sent from West Palm Beach.

In addition to the food tasting treat, the library also scheduled movies on the culture and religion of a country. In the past, as few as five and as many as 25 persons, including adults and children, have attended International Days and Ms. Lilley would like to increase that number.

International Day will begin April 4 at noon.

Nurses

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signatures on all hospital checks, except for payroll. Any board member was authorized to sign checks.

• Voted to accept bids and inquiries from accounting firms to handle the hospital's auditing.

• Approved accounts payable.

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A vote for succession

I heard a talk-show phone caller complain recently that the state government in Tallahassee doesn't understand South Florida. He complained that the underpopulated northern portion of the state had disproportionate power over the more populous Gold and Sun Coasts.

His remedy for the problem? Florida should be split up right above Lake Okeechobee, to create a North and South Florida, just like North and South Carolina.

My reaction? Put Belle Glade in the northern half, because east coasters sure don't give a darn about the Glades and its problems. The only time they even notice our region is when something negative happens or when some big-city media outfit wants to do a feature on the "Migrant Labor Problem, Part 203!"

If the east coast thinks it's getting trampled upon by other, more powerful groups, then I suggest the folks there walk a mile in our muck and see what being unjustly stereotyped and ignored is really like.

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In my outings this week, I took in Bank of Pahokee Chairman of the Board Rupert Mock's retirement reception at the Pahokee Elks Club. It was a nice time, and I enjoyed talking to everyone and meeting Mr. Mock. I especially enjoyed the fine food.

As a relative newcomer, I've only been around here a minuscule portion of Mock's half-century tenure with Palm Beach County's oldest bank. So, I don't really know the man personally.

But one business acquaintance of Mock's told of how it was said that a man of his caliber and compassion was leaving the banking industry.

"He did a lot to make this area grow," the man said. "And he was the last of the old school when it came to banking. All you had to do if you needed \$500 or so was to call him up at night and ask. He'd say, 'Come on down in the morning and we'll take care of you.' And he did."



GLADES DAY HIGH SCHOOL students headed for Europe: Fourteen students from Glades Day High School embark this weekend for a week's tour of Europe, "The Great European Adventure." Social Studies teacher Roger Barrows and Counselor Sue Teets will accompany the kids on their travels to London, Amsterdam, Cologne, Brussels and Paris. The trip was arranged by the American Institute for

Foreign Study in Greenwich, Conn. In back is Andrew Newsome. From left, middle row, is Barrows, Gary Herick, Kelley Thomas, Debbie Hall and Chuck Corbin. In front are Cheryl Goforth, Tammy Burke, Beth Adams and Teresa Austin. Not pictured were Gina Lashley, Augusto Blanchard, Donna Fowler, Charise Dermody, Victor Perez and Teets.

Straight from the horse's mouth

I have always been an ambitious person. I plunge headfirst into things unknown. I guess if you want to learn and experience new things, you have to be inquisitive. Well, I acquired an interesting new hobby last weekend: horseback riding.

A friend of mine and her husband invited me over Sunday morning to "expand my horizons" so to speak.

I have never been on a horse in my life! The only people I have ever seen ride horses where I'm from Washington D.C. are the cops. Well, Lord will be proud of me anyway.

The horse that I was anxiously trying to mount Sunday morning was named "Silly Sally." That should have told me right then and there that I should have never gotten on her. But, getting on her was no problem at all. I am so short that I had to be lifted onto the saddle! When I finally did get up on the horse, it looked like such a long way down.

Then I proceeded to get riding lessons.

"If you want the horse to go backwards, pull on the reigns a little at a time." I tried it and it worked. This is simple. I had this in the bag. I was also taught how to get the horse to move to the right and to the left and how to get her to speed up and slow down.

"How do you get her to stop?" I asked knowing I would be doing more stopping than running.

"Just pull back on her reins," I was told.

Once on the horse I was ready for take off and with my girlfriend riding beside me on Ginger, I felt

ANITA ADAMS
SHORT STUFF



secure. We trotted on down the road toward the first gate.

From the time I first met Silly Sally, I sensed she did not appreciate me getting her into this at all. She kept looking back at me and rolling her eyes. Nobody else's horse was doing that. I petted her and remembered someone saying they were gentle horses. At least I thought I did.

About halfway to the second gate, I noticed Sally had begun to swing her tail up and down. I didn't pay her any attention until I started to feel scratching sensations on my back. I petted her somewhere.

Now if this horse would have gotten violent with me what could I have done? I looked down to the ground again. It was such a long way down, if I jumped off of her she would run over me! I was beginning to have second thoughts about being inquisitive and expanding my horizons.

"The ride won't last much longer," I assured myself.

I was right. Thank goodness. I was beginning to get really scared. As we headed for the gate that would take us home, Sally started to trot and I immediately panicked. My feet were not properly fit in the stirrups and I was starting to bounce up and down. Bouncing up and down on a leather saddle is no fun at all. I don't care how much padding you have, it hurts. I pulled on the reigns for Sally to stop, but she ignored my request and made some rude neighing sound in response. Sally quickened her pace to a gallop.

So there I sat. Bouncing up and down, holding on like there would be no tomorrow, screaming at the top of my lungs for someone to help me. I must have looked pretty funny during all of this because when we finally reached the ranch, Sally came to an abrupt stop and everyone stood there laughing at me.

With my dignity (and derrier) still in tact, I struggled off of Sally. She turned her head toward me wearing a smirk and glanced at me with glaring eyes. She thought it was funny too.

It was over. All in all I had a nice day despite the saddle sores. If you ever decide to be inquisitive and take on a new hobby such as horseback riding, remember you got it right here, right from the horse's mouth!



THE HONORABLE J.A. G. SMITH, Jamaican Minister of Labor recently spoke to more than 400 British West Indies laborers and their teachers at the Seventh annual Awards ceremony held at Glades Central Community School, sponsored by the Palm Beach and Hendry County Departments of Adult and Community Education.

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THURSDAY, MARCH 26

KIWANIS - Belle Glade, noon, Holiday Inn.

ELKS - Pahokee, 8 p.m.

CHRISTIAN BUSINESS MEN'S FELLOWSHIP - 6:30 a.m., Holiday Inn.

SATURDAY, MARCH 28

MARCH-DIMES WALK-A-THON.

ALUMINUM PICK-UP - Pahokee, 9-11 a.m., East 5th St. Park, Belle Glade, 9 a.m. to noon, City Park, 500 W. Canal.

SUNDAY, MARCH 29

ATTEND THE CHURCH OF YOUR CHOICE.

MONDAY, MARCH 30

LIONS CLUB - Pahokee, noon, Lions Clubhouse.

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS - Belle Glade, 7:30 p.m., St. John's Episcopal Church.

MEMORIAL HOSPITAL AUXILIARY - CITY COUNCIL - Belle Glade, 2nd and 4th Monday, 8 p.m.

TUESDAY, MARCH 31

CITY COUNCILS - Pahokee, 2nd and 4th Tuesday, 7:30 p.m., South Bay, 1st and 3rd Tuesday, 8 p.m., Belle Glade, noon, Municipal Civic Center.

CARDIO VASCULAR CLINIC - Belle Glade, Gladys General Hospital, 9 a.m. to noon. Must have an appointment.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 1

LIONS CLUB - Belle Glade, 12:15, Belle Glade Municipal Center.

Trash pickup schedule

BELLE GLADE — The City of Belle Glade Superintendent of Sanitation, Anthony Williams said the city's trash crew will be picking up trash in the Southwest section of the city beginning Monday, Mar. 30 through Friday, Apr. 3.

Williams said he wishes to thank and commend the citizens of Belle Glade for cooperating with the city trash crews the past couple of weeks.

Williams said since the city began publishing weekly dates for trash pickup, the department has noticed a difference in trash being placed near the street curbs for pick-up.

All trash which includes old furniture, clothes, shrubbery, and tree cuttings will be picked up.

Williams said large trees should be cut 4 feet or less for pick up. All trash should be placed nearest to the street or curb in each residents front yard.

Williams said he advises persons to place trash for pick up and or do yard cleaning the weekend prior to the pick-up.

JIM JONES
BOILER PLATE



Just filling in

I had wanted to do it for sometime. Credit the late Dick Bothwell of the St. Petersburg Times with the inspiration. In his column, OAT, Of All Things, Bothwell on occasion did it.

In this business, we take a lot of pictures, including the notorious mug shot. A mug shot is a term borrowed from police officers, which means face shot. "Mug 'em and print 'em." Joe Friday might say, meaning of course, get the suspects photo and finger prints. This is either done right before or after the command "book 'em."

Our mug shots are not always flattering. I cannot even say they are flattering most of the time. Most of the time, they just tell the truth, which isn't what everyone's vanity can necessarily stand.

Photography is both a curse and a blessing. At one time, only the wealthy could afford to have their portrait made. First of all, they had to go out and meet someone like Raphael, Titan, or Hieronymous Bosch.

I have it on good authority that they painted some of the ugliest people of the day, who just happened to have lots of money.

Leonardo Da Vinci's Mona Lisa, for instance, actually looked very much like Phyllis Diller in real life. And you always thought it was because of those hands and that smile.

When photography was invented — by some very vindictive people I might add — the world started becoming much more complex. No more could the image be so precisely controlled.

Photography came along too late to have any impact on George Washington. Even with his wooden false teeth, George Washington looks dignified, heroic, and patriotic in all of his paintings.

Abraham Lincoln, on the other hand, had his photograph made often. Although Lincoln ranks as either our first or second greatest president, he finishes up close to the bottom in the beauty category. This isn't to say that his portraits don't reflect the nobility of his spirit, the intelligence, and the eloquence. It's just facing the fact that the camera doesn't lie.

Which brings me back to why I got myself into this. At long last, I've found a picture of me that reflects me as I really am.

If you haven't noticed, it's in the Boiler Plate logo this week. Look quick, because next week it will be gone, replaced with the same old mug, which all of my friends will agree is a terrible likeness.

Prayer breakfast

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, there will be conducted on Good Friday, April 17, 1981, the Second Annual Belle Glade Community Prayer Breakfast to be sponsored by the Belle Glade Kiwanis Club; and

WHEREAS, the Belle Glade Community Prayer Breakfast is to be conducted annually as an interdenominational event to encourage the joining together of people of all faiths in reaffirmation of our common witness to the Supreme Being of God and in the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ our Lord;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, THOMAS L. ALTMAN, MAYOR of the City of Belle Glade, Florida, do hereby urge all citizens of the City of Belle Glade to participate in the Second Annual Belle Glade Community Prayer Breakfast held on Good Friday, April 17, 1981, at the Municipal Civic Center in Belle Glade in recognition of the solemnity of the Easter Season.

SIGNED AND PROCLAIMED this 23rd day of March, 1981.

ATTEST:
THOMAS L. ALTMAN, MAYOR
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Western Artist-Historian

The night of April 4 at the John Boy Auditorium in Clewiston will be a night to remember. Noted western artist, historian and lecturer Bernard P. Thomas will be bringing his original paintings to the Glades for display.

A Wyoming native, Thomas has had a studio in Boynton Beach for 25 years. His latest works include a series of paintings and sketches that document the journey of Lewis and Clark. Thomas has actually travelled the explorers' route, painting their exploration scenes on location, to capture authenticity. No artist was with the explorers on their 1804 trek, so his works are the only ones to capture that journey's awesome realities.

He has also constructed a 2,000 square foot cyclorama mural commemorating the nation's Bicentennial. The mural is on display in Ruidoso City S.D.

Bernard Thomas is a member of the Society of Mural Painters in New York and the Grand Central Art Galleries.

His ecology mural is on display in the Visitors Center in Everglades National Park.

Thomas is a true westerner -- quiet, soft-spoken; a tall, friendly artist, a rugged-realist. He will also present a program, The Provincial Journey of Lewis and Clark.

Bernard P. Thomas, 7 p.m., April 4
 John B. Boy Auditorium



Bernard P. Thomas

Occupancy rates fluctuate at hospitals

During the 1970s, the number of patients filling beds at Glades General Hospital and at Everglades Memorial Hospital fluctuated up and down, before finally ending on a downward note in 1979, according to the Health Planning Council 10 year report.

The downward trend in utilization of hospital beds was a problem faced by the majority of hospitals in five county area

served by the council, including Indian River, Martin, Okeechobee, Palm Beach, and St. Lucie Counties.

Glades General started the decade with a 53.3 percent occupancy rate, which fell to 34.4 percent in 1978 before rebounding to 47 percent in 1979.

Everglades Memorial Hospital started the 1970s with a 59 percent occupancy rate, which dropped to 47 percent in 1978 before climbing to 55 percent in 1979.

John F. Kennedy Hospital's 85.6 percent occupancy rate for 1979 was the area's best, while Palm Beach-Martin County Medical Center's 25.1 percent was the lowest.

During the decade, Everglades Memorial showed a 27.6 percent increase in the number of admissions, while Glades General dropped 6.6 percent.

Average length of patient stay declined in both local hospitals during the 1970s. Average length of stay at Everglades Memorial dropped 27 percent from 6.3 days to 4.6 days. Average length of stay at Glades General dropped 5.8 percent from 6.9 to 6.5 days.

Emergency room visits at both hospitals increased. Glades General emergency visits were up 9.8 percent from 8,297 in 1970 to 9,118 in 1979. Everglades Memorial emergency visits were up 53.6 percent, increasing from 2,864 to 4,399.

Hospital births declined at Glades General by 64.2 percent, while increasing by 63.9 percent at Everglades Memorial. Births at Glades General totalled 411 in 1970, compared to 147 in 1979. Births at Everglades Memorial totalled 468 in 1970, compared to 767 in 1979.

Minority seminar set on cancer

The American Cancer Society has gone on record as being committed to cancer control programs of prevention and detection among Black Americans.

Through greater participation from leadership within the Black Community, a better job in cancer control will be achieved. The Minority Involvement Committee was thus organized, and the goal is to "Educate in Order to Eradicate Cancer from our Black Community."

The American Cancer Society's Minority Involvement Committee is conducting a "CHAL-

LENGE AGAINST CANCER IN MINORITIES" conference.

The purpose of this conference is to launch an effort to reduce the death rate of cancer in South Florida's Minority community. It will attract notable figures in the field of cancer control and bring the community together in an effort to control cancer's effect on the family. The keynote speaker will be Dr. LaSalle D. LaFever, Jr. A Florida and the immediate past president of the American Cancer Society. He is an authority on Cancer's effect on the Black Community.

The Conference will be held April 4th. This will be the first of five conferences to be held throughout Florida. To make this effort successful, the ACS need total community support. Registration will be \$5 per person which will include lunch.

LOCATION: Miami Dade Community College, New World Center Campus, 300 N.E. 2 Avenue, Miami.

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For your pre-registration form call the American Cancer Society at 655-4611. Registration required by March 23.

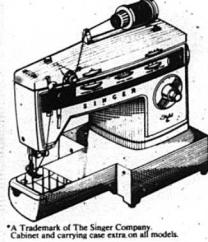
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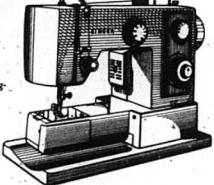


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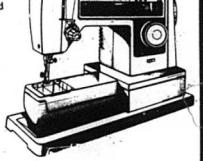
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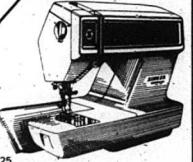


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Raiders win Burger King Invitational

BELLE GLADE—The Raiders Boys track team completely dominated the first Burger King Invitational Track meet held Wednesday, Mar. 28 at the Glades Central Community High School track field.

Eight schools competed in the meet. Glades Central won with 156 points and Clewiston High School finished second with 54 points. Lake Worth High School finished third with 50 followed by Fort Pierce Westwood with 42, Pahokee 36, Palm Beach Gardens 36 North Shore 16 and Atlantic 5.

The Raiders coach, Willie McDonald said the Raiders have won a number of meets this year and will be traveling to Gainesville on Friday and Saturday to compete in the Gainesville Relays.

"This meet should give the team some excellent experience for the state meet, the Raiders are looking

forward to running," said McDonald.

Karl Hodges, of Glades Central was voted the Most Valuable Player of the track and field invitational meet and was presented with a trophy courtesy of Burger King of Belle Glade.

Individual winners from Glades Central (GC), Clewiston (C) and Pahokee (P) were:

120 High Hurdles - Eddie Lusane (GC) 1st - 14.4; McCarthy (P) 2nd - 15.2; Westwood (GC) 3rd - 15.8; Oliver (GC) 4th - 17.3.
100 Yard Dash - Jessie Hester (GC) 1st - 9.8; Ray McDonald (GC) 4th - 10.0.
Mile Run - Levele Moreland (GC) 1st - 4:39; Rutledge Jones (GC) 6th - 4:51.
400 Yard Dash - Albert Gray (P) 2nd - 49.3; Theodore Paulk (GC) 3rd - 49.9; Lorenzo Greenwich (GC) 4th - 51.0; Robert Brown (GC) 5th - 51.2.
440 Yd. Relay - Clewiston - 2nd - 44.3; Pahokee - 3rd - 44.7.
300 Yd. Relay - Glades Central - 1st - 39.3; Jeff Woodson (GC) 2nd - 40.8; McCarthy (P) 4th - 42.2.
580 Yd. Bar - Emanuel Thornton (GC) 1st - 2:00; Keith Seymour (GC) 2nd - 2:02; James McGriff (GC) 3rd - 2:02; Terry Wright (GC)

3rd - 2:04.

Mile Medley Relay - Glades Central - 1st - 3:38.5 Runners (Arthur Monroe, Randy Rutledge, Theodore Paulk, Adam Ford, Pahokee) - 2nd, 3:45.8; Clewiston - 4th, 3:52.4.

221: Darius Lane (GC) 6th - 23.5.
Two Mile Run - Levele Moreland (GC) 1st - 21.8; Alco Hill (GC) 4th - 22.1; Darius Lane (GC) 6th - 23.5.

Mile Relay - Glades Central - 1st, 3:23. Runners (Robert Brown, Lee, McCarthy, Thornton) - 2nd, 3:30.5; Jeff Woodson (GC) 3rd - 3:33; Clewiston 4th, 3:38.

Shot Put - Frazier (C) 1st - 48'; Dixon (C) 2nd - 46'; Rutledge (GC) 4th - 45'; Ford (GC) 6th - 43'.
Discus - Gregg Bain (GC) 1st - 13'4"; Lee, A. McKenzie (GC) 2nd - 12'8"; McEachern (C) 3rd - 12'11"; Anthony Johnson (GC) 4th - 11'9".

Long Jump - Karl Hodges (GC) 1st - 21'6"; Terry Wright (GC) 3rd - 21'2"; Albert Gray (P) 6th - 20'9".
Broad Jump - Clewiston (GC) 3rd - 41'3"; Thomas (C) 5th - 40'1"; Robert Jordan (GC) 6th - 39'3".
Pole Vault - R. Pittman (C) 1st - 9'0"; D. Pittman (C) 2nd - 9'0"; Homesby (C) 3rd - 8'6"; Irvin (C) 4th - 8'6".

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For information leading to the arrest and conviction of the person(s) who committed the robbery of J.L. Lu, 681 S.W. 8th Street, Belle Glade, March 22 and in the early hours of the morning removed from the rear of the building several weight combinations as follows. A straight bar consisting of 6 (25 lbs.) Orbraton weight, a curb bar (10 lbs.) Orbraton, two sets of dumb bells (30 & 40 lbs.) each and a weight press bench yellowish gold in color. If you have any information in regard to the above please contact J.L. Lu same or 996-7909 or 924-7482.

Disclosure of your identity will not be revealed.

Raiders dominate Cypress Lakes meet

FORT MYERS — The Glades Central Raiders Boys track team completely dominated the 12th Annual South Fort Myers Kiwanis Club Panther Relays at Panther Stadium Friday night.

The Raiders compiled 107 points to win the meet over Fort Myers with a score of 64. Other team scores were Cape

Coral 41, Cypress Lake 37, Charlotte 35, Lely 32, Naples 26, Clewiston 24%, Arcadia Desota 18, Bishop Verot, Immokalee, North Fort Myers and LaBelle accumulated no points.

The Raiders won all seven relay events and Jessie Hester won the 100-yard dash.

Raiders Coach Willie

McDonald said the track team at Glades Central is a hard working team. "I can come to practice and don't have to say anything and they are already working," said McDonald.

Winners for the Raiders were:

100 yard dash - Jessie Hester, 1st place - 9.8; Ray McDonald, 1st place - 9.8; 2nd place - 9.9.
Shuttle Hurdle Relay -

GLADES DAY SCHOOL 1981 GOLF SCHEDULE

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March 19, Thurs.	John Paul	A	3:30
March 20, Fri.	Okeechobee	H	3:30
March 24, Tues.	Clewiston	A	3:30
March 31, Tues.	King's Academy	A	3:30
April 10, Fri.	(Wellington)	H	3:30
	Clewiston	H	3:30

THE BELLE GLADE Chamber of Commerce recently erected two signs commemorating the 1980 Glades Day High School Football state championship. Placed at the east and west entrances to Belle Glade on State Route 80, they honor the school's Class A victory. Two other signs in the same spot commemorate Glades Central High School's 1971-72 state Class AAA football championships.

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Kappas alumni chapter chartered

PAHOKEE — Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc., a national social fraternity was chartered in the Glades, Tuesday, Feb. 17 at the Community Room at the Everglades Federal Savings and Loan Association in Pahokee.

The chapter's chartering services were conducted by Dr. Ulysses McBride of Alabama, the Southern Provincial Polemarch of the Southern Region. S. Bruce McDonald, of West Palm Beach was the guest speaker.

Harvin to speak at Service meeting

BELLE GLADE — Remar Harvin, director of the Community Development Department (CDD) for the city of Belle Glade, will be the speaker at the Community Services meeting on Wednesday, April 8 at 12:30 p.m. at the Glades Office Building.

Harvin has been em-

ployed as director of CDD since 1977. He received his bachelor of arts degree in Political Science and Public Administration from the University of South Florida and his Masters degree in Science-Management and Public Services from Nova University in Ft. Lauderdale.

Harvin served as vice-chairman of the Planning Commission for the City of Sarasota and President of the Sarasota Chapter of the NAACP. He is also affiliated with American Management Association; National Council of Housing and Redevelopment Officials.

Harvin also has authored two newspaper articles: "Small Cities: Victims of Governmental Insensitivities?" and "Too Many Hats," a satire on the woes of a small-city Community Development Director.

All agencies, citizens and school personnel are invited to attend. For further information, please contact the Palm Beach County Social Services at 996-1630.



Staff photo by Alma Henry

KAPPA ALPHA PSI Fraternity chartered members from left to right, Jerome Govan, Johnny Webb, Robert Hart, Lomie Devose,

Eddie Rhodes, Charlie Laws, Keith Babb, Michael Joseph and Jerry Ford.

Sixteen inducted into Alpha Phi Omega

BELLE GLADE — Sixteen pledges were inducted into Alpha Alpha Nu Belle Glade Alumni Chapter of Alpha Phi Omega National Service Fraternity on Saturday, Feb. 28.

The St. John First Baptist Church was the setting for the ritual. Michael Moore, sectional 74 chairman, along with Deputy

Director, James Eccles and fraternity members from Iota Rho Chapter of Florida State University presided over the fraternity's ritual.

Young men inducted were Frederick Bass, Wiley J. Battle, Renard Benett, Kevin Boynton, Milton Crittenden, Jr., Ollie Davis, Jr., Willie Floyd, and

Sr. John L. Holman, Henry L. Miller, John D. Morris, Antoine Russell, Jr., Johnny Rutledge, Willard C. Taylor and James R. West.

Honorary members inducted were Dr. J.B. Adams, pastor of the St. John First Baptist Church and Dr. Cecil Conley.

provost, Palm Beach Juniper College Glades Campus.

Visiting Alpha Phi Omega Fraternity members attending the services represented the communities of Miami and West Palm Beach.

Following the ritual a reception was held for the members and their guests.



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NEW INDUCTEES into the Belle Glade Alumni Chapter of Alpha Phi Omega Fraternity, Inc., includes from left to right seated, Johnny Rutledge, Henry L. Miller, and Wiley Battle. Standing Kevin Boynton, Renard

Bennet, Ollie Davis, Jr., Willie Floyd, Antoine Russell, Willard C. Taylor, Milton Crittenden, John D. Morris, James West and Frederick Bass. Not shown, John L. Holman, Dr. J.B. Adams and Dr. Cecil Conley.

West Tech offers courses

BELLE GLADE — Florida Atlantic University Department of Foundations is offering EDF 3092 (Education Foundation) on Thursdays, beginning Apr. 9 at the West Tech Center in

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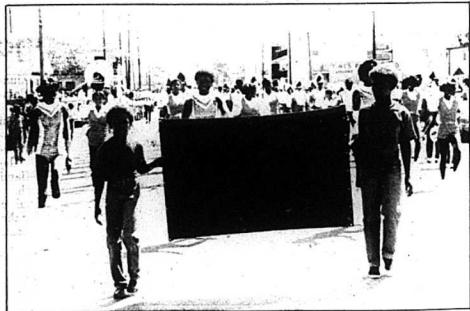
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Festival of Afro Arts: A time of coming together



MARCHING IN STEP

Two young ladies carry the Glades Festival of Afro Arts banner in the parade.

BY ALMA HENRY
BELLE GLADE — Black Beauty queens, marching bands, floats, echoes of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s famous "I Have a Dream" address given at the Lincoln Memorial, the Black National Anthem (Lift Every Voice and Sing), cultural dance groups, Black (down home) gospel music, soul food (collard greens, corn bread, black eye peas, chitterlings, fried chicken), Resolutions and donations in support of the Children of Atlanta and Judge Alice Hastings telling Black folks to come together all adds up to success for the Second Annual Festival of Afro Arts held in Belle Glade Saturday.

"In the terms of number of people attending and participating in the Afro Arts Festival, the executive Board and the Zeta Phi Beta Sorority feels the festival is one of the most successful ventures the Black Community has put together for the City of Belle Glade," said Mrs. Celester Monroe, director of the Festival.

"The citizens of Belle Glade should be commended for such a superb affair and the participation of many of the clubs, organizations and sororities that make up the community," said Judge Hastings.

"Cities in Dade and Broward counties have tried putting on similar affairs and have not met with the success you have, (the Glades Community) have much to be proud of," Hastings added.

As the day grew long, the activities increased, sentiments were constantly echoed this is one beautiful day, the coming together of that old familiar Black spirit, many thought were left on the shores of Africa many moons ago.



MR. AND MRS. WILLIE U. WALKER waves to the crowd.. Mr. Walker was honored by the Festival of Afro Arts for 39 years as a teacher in the Palm Beach County School system.



VINCE WILSON cuts for the crowd at the Afro Arts Festival. Wilson is a drum major with the Pahokee High School band.



MISS GLADES Festival of Afro Arts, Ruebina Johnson and her Royal Court.



LITTLE BEAUTIES..

Miss Syria Frost and Miss Nikkis Harrell ride the Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority's float. The AKAs won first place in the float competition.



IN MEMORY.. The Glades Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority sponsored a car in the parade and collected signatures and funds for the Atlanta Investigation into the death of black youths.



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The Happenings by Elsie Thomas

Program Sponsored
The Essence Unique Ladies Club of Pahokee recently sponsored a "Sing it like it is" program at the St. James A.M.E. Church.

The program was given in behalf of the Steward and Trustee Board for Women's Day.

Ms. Lavern Jackson served as the Mistress of Ceremonies. Soloists for the occasion were Ms. Jackson, William Jordan, Shirley Morris, Freddie Peterkin, Mary Frances Carrigan, Ellie Thornton, Herlena Williams, Loretta Walker and the Rev. Alvin Jones.

Choirs appearing on the program were New Hope Junior Choir, Mt. Zion Young Adult choir and New Bethel A.M.E. Church of South Bay. Also on the program were Helen Smith, Loretta Allen and Nancy Owens.

Birthday
Cynthia Annette Thomas observed her birthday, Wednesday, Mar. 18. She is the daughter of George and Elsie Thomas. Cynthia is a sophomore at Pahokee High School.

Baby Contest
Travens Lawton, son of Mary Mitchell was the winner of the baby contest held at the St. James A.M.E. Church on Sunday, Mar. 8.

Mrs. Helen Williams of Belle Glade received a portable radio given away by the baby contest sponsors.

Also participating in the contests were babies. Chumre Butt and Bernard Jackson.

Tea Held
A "Get Togetherness Tea" was given recently at the home of Mrs. Amzie Bell Perry in behalf of the New Macedonia Baptist Church.

Mrs. Lois Kennedy was the Mistress of Ceremonies and Mrs. Diane Walker was the speaker. Other program participants were Elise Thomas, Eugene Perry, Bobby Kennedy, Odessa Key, Maude Key and Ethel Allen.

Quilt Given Away
Mrs. Henrietta Allen was the recipient of a handmade quilt given away by Mrs. Claudia Mae Hanna for Women's Day at St. James A.M.E. Church.

All donations will be given to St. James Church for Women's day.

Clubs Visit
Members of the Ladies In Unity and The Essence Unites Ladies Clubs of Pahokee attended a tea at the New Bethel A.M.E. Church of South Bay, Rev. Alvin Jones, pastor, Sunday, Mar. 15. Rev. Jones narrated the affair and Roy Singletary served as a panelist.

Parade of States
A Parade of States program was held Saturday, Mar. 14 at the St. James A.M.E. Church. Mrs. Winnie Bell Guyton and Mrs. Deloris Robertson served as the sponsors for the program.

Mrs. Delores Maxey was the Mistress of Ceremonies and Rev. Alvin Jones was the speaker and narrator.

Ms. Ellie Thorton sang "God Bless America." Also participating on the program were Margaret S. Edwards and Tammy Harris.

Mrs. Elie Thomas was given a plaque of appreciation for services rendered by Mrs. Guyton and Mrs. Robertson.

Tea Planned

The Usher Board number two of the Shiloh Missionary Baptist Church will be sponsoring a tea at the home of Mrs. Ophelia Guyton, Sunday, Mar. 29, at 3 p.m. Mrs. Para Lee Green is serving as sponsor of the program.

Parents meeting for ARC students

Gospel Challengers banquet Saturday

BELLE GLADE — The Association for Retarded Citizens — Glades Area will host a parent's meeting for parents of handicapped children and adults on Monday, March 30, Dick Byland of the National Association for Disabled Citizens will be the guest speaker.

The National Association for Disabled Citizens is one of the few companies in the United

States who works exclusively on behalf of parents or guardians of handicapped individuals. The service of Byland's organization is to provide families with solutions to the complex problems of caring for the present and future needs of their disabled children.

Among the questions Byland will discuss are: Is a will needed? If so, what type? Do we need a trust? Are government benefits available which we are not receiving? Should we have an insurance trust? Is this service only for the wealthy?

The meeting will be at the ARC Facility located at 601 W. Canal St., North in Belle Glade (formerly St. Peter's Lutheran Church).

The ARC encourages parents and guardians of handicapped individuals to attend for an informative session. Anyone with questions may phone the ARC office at 996-4335.

Service news

ALEXI SUAREZ

Airman Alexi Suarez, son of Mr. and Mrs. Rene Suarez of 850 North Highway 27, South Bay, has been assigned to Shepard Air Force Base, Texas, after completing Air Force basic training.

CANAL POINT — The Gospel Challengers annual singing banquet will be held Saturday, Mar. 28 at 8 p.m. at the Canal Point Community Building.

Donations are \$5 for adults and children \$2.50. Among the many gospel groups appearing on program along with the Gospel Challengers will be the Southermairs of Fort Lauderdale and the Gospel Songbirds of Pahokee.

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KEEPING THE FAITH

BY THE REV. JOE ED MCGAHAY

Community United Methodist Church

"And He (Jesus Christ) entered and was passing through Jericho." Luke 19:1 (NASB)

Jesus was taking His last journey to Jerusalem. On the way He went through the beautiful oasis City of Jericho, in the Judean wilderness (desert). Two events happened as He passed through that city on the way to be crucified.

The first of these had to do with a blind man named Bartimaeus. Here was a man who lived in the midst of plenty, but could not see it. One who lived in the midst of plenty, but because of his blindness was reduced to begging. But on this day he was aware of a great stir and excitement of the people around him and as he inquired of the multitude what it was all about was told "that Jesus of Nazareth was passing by." Someone knew who Jesus was, so he began to call out, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!"

And in spite of the discouragement that came from those around him, he continued to cry out those words until he got the attention of Jesus. And when he was able to tell Jesus his need, "Jesus said to him, 'Receive your sight, your faith has made you well.' And immediately he received his sight."

Then as Jesus went a little farther on into Jericho, still with a large mass of people around Him, there was still another man with a special need. Zacchaeus, probably one of the wealthy men of that city, was a very lonely man. As a Roman Tax Collector he was hated by the public and protected by Rome. But what is privilege worth if one has no friends to share that money and privilege with? Perhaps Zacchaeus had heard that one of the "12" had been a tax collector, or that Jesus had eaten dinner with them. At any rate he knew that he needed to see over their heads, especially where he "was small of stature." So this little man ran on ahead of the crowd and climbed a sycamore tree in order to see Jesus as he passed by under the tree.

But Zacchaeus not only saw Jesus, but, Jesus stopped right under the tree and invited Zacchaeus home with this little man. Everyone was shocked. Jesus going home with a sinful tax collector! There was a grumbling murmur that went through the crowd. However Zacchaeus was repenting of his sin and as he did, Jesus announced that salvation had come to his house.

Wherever Jesus went there were always needy people and Jesus came into the world to minister to need. Sometimes it was physical need, sometimes it was spiritual, sometimes both. In both of these cases before help could be found the obstacle of people had to be overcome. In fact, it seems that it was the very people who were following Jesus that were keeping others from getting the help they needed. This was true for several reasons. First of all they did not really understand Jesus' concern for others and how broad that concern was. Otherwise they would have helped

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First Baptist Church plans revival

BELLE GLADE — The First Baptist Church of Belle Glade is planning a revival March 29 through April 3. Services begin at 11 a.m. Sunday, March 29, and at 7:30 p.m. each day of the revival.

Evangelist for the revival is Rev. Barry Lynn Schahn of Orange, Texas. Rev. Schahn, 32, received a BA from Howard Payne College and attended Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in Fort Worth.

He and his wife, Judy, are the parents of two children: Jamie Beth, 8, and Kara Joy, 5. Currently, Rev. Schahn is associate pastor and minister of evangelism at the First Baptist Church of West Palm Beach. He has participated in more than 200 revivals throughout Texas, New Mexico, and Kansas, and has preached crusades in Mexico and France.

His biography appears in the 1972 volume of "Outstanding Young Men in America."

Tom Laramore of Jackson, Miss., a publisher of four gospel songs who has recorded eight albums of gospel music, will present special music during the revival.

He is now in his 11th year of full-time evangelism and has served churches as minister of music and education in Louisiana, Texas, South Carolina, Indiana, and Mississippi.

Born in Lucedale, Miss., he graduated from Lucedale schools and earned his BA from Mississippi College and his BSM and MRE degrees from New Orleans Baptist Seminary.

In addition to traveling to many states, his ministry has taken him to Japan, Africa, South America, and Bethlehem,



Rev. Barry Lynn Schahn

Israel. He is married to the former Florence Ann Kull of Columbia, S.C. They have three children: Pam, Ann, and Jan.

Service news

SAMUEL MANNING

Navy Dental Technician 2nd Class Samuel K. Manning, son of Sam Manning of Route 9, 558, Immokalee, and Norma R. Mills of 349 Cypress Ave., Pahokee, was graduated from Field Medical Service School.

A 1976 graduate of Glades Central High School, he joined the Navy in January 1977.

Miller and Tillery final wedding plans

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Miller announces the final wedding plans for their daughter, Dianne Louise Miller to Sherill Wayne Tillery, on May 12, 1981, at the First Baptist Church of Belle Glade, with the Rev. Bob Atkins, officiating. A reception will follow the ceremony in the Fellowship Hall at the church.

The couple will exchange vows on Friday, April 10 at 7 p.m., at the First Baptist Church of Belle Glade, with the Rev. Bob Atkins, officiating. A reception will follow the ceremony in the Fellowship Hall at the church.

No local invitations are being sent. All relatives and friends of the couple are invited.

Attend the church of your choice

Wedding plans announced



Cheryl Gingery and Donald Zaccagnino

NOW IN PROGRESS

Henry and Grace Willis, National Evangelist for the Churches of God of Prophecy will be at an Evangelistic Crusade of the Church of God of Prophecy, March 22 - 29 (Sunday - Sunday)

- They have pastored in Florida for 24 years.
- Henry Willis attended Bible School in Cleveland, Tennessee, and is also a graduate of Gulf Coast Seminary in Panama City, Florida.

- Grace has worked for years with the youth of the Church and served as Youth Camp Director for 15 years. She has recorded on Album "In God's Time" that is played over many radio stations.
- Rev. Willis and wife will be ministering nicely with preaching, singing and deliverance for all. Come and share with us in this time of worship. We are expecting God to Confirm his Word.

Services each evening at 7:30 p.m. Sunday 8:00 p.m.

The Church is located at the corner of E. Canal Street and 4th St. (in the Christian Church Building) Belle Glade

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If we believe in God, then it is we who are out of date! The God of the Bible is the God of yesterday and today. It helps us cope with the modern era, teaching us to change with a changing world. Let's catch up with the times. Let's attend church.

For further information contact the Rev. Joe Ed McGahay, Pastor, Community United Methodist Church, 425 East Canal St., North Belle Glade, FL 33440. Telephone 566-9559.

Order of Service: Sunday School - 10:00 a.m.; Morning Worship - 11:30 a.m.; Young People - 12:30 p.m.; Evening Worship - 6:00 p.m.

Live Radio Broadcast from the Sanctuary over WSWN FM 93.3 on your dial every Sunday night.

Tuesday Night Bible Study - 7:00 p.m. Wednesday Night Home & Foreign Mission - 7:00 p.m.

Friday Night Prayer Service - 8:00 p.m. Saturday Morning Live Radio Broadcast from the studio of WSWN - AM 10:30 a.m.

Transportation Available.

CHURCH OF GOD OF PROPHECY
Corner East Canal St. South and 4th St. Belle Glade (Christian Church Building)
REV. BUCK COBB
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship - 11 a.m.
Sunday Evening - 8 p.m.
Tuesday Service - 7:30 p.m.
Bible Study - Friday 8 p.m.

CHOSEN MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH
Corner of N.W. Ave. & G Hwy 715
Sunday School - 9:45 a.m.
Evening Service - 7 p.m.
Tuesday Service - 7:30 p.m.
Wednesday Night Daughters of Zion Prayer Band - 7 p.m.

DEA. HERBERT WATERS
Worship Service, 11 a.m.
Evening Service - 7 p.m.
Tuesday - Thursday
Regular Service - 7 p.m.
Mon. Evening
Missionary Service - 7:30 p.m.
Wednesday Night Daughters of Zion Prayer Band - 7 p.m.

ROBERT L. BANKS, PASTOR
190 S.W. 10th Avenue
South Bay

Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
Morning Worship - 10:30 a.m.
Evening Worship - 6:30 p.m.

Prayer Service - 7:30 p.m.

REV. ZABY SHEALY

Monday Evening
Missionary Service - 7:30 p.m.
Wednesday Night Daughters of Zion Prayer Band - 7 p.m.

Prayer Service - 7:30 p.m.

Saturday Morning Live Radio Broadcast from the studio of WSWN - AM 10:30 a.m.

Transportation Available.

BELLE GLADE ALLIANCE CHURCH

425 E. Canal St. North

Belle Glade

REV. MARK O'FARREL

Sunday School 9:45 a.m.

Morning Worship 11:00 a.m.

Evening Worship 7:30 p.m.

Wednesday Night

Worship Service - 7:30 p.m.

Bible Study - Friday 8 p.m.

Operation Drug Help 24 hr.

CANAL POINT BAPTIST CHURCH

1st Street

Belle Glade

B. RAY HEDMAN, PASTOR

Sunday School 9:45 a.m.

Morning Worship 11:00 a.m.

Evening Worship 7:00 p.m.

Mid Week Prayer Service

Wednesday 7:00 p.m.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

225 Canal Point Road

Belle Glade

JOHN JUDSON, PASTOR

Sunday School 9:45 a.m.

Morning Worship 11:00 a.m.

Evening Worship 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday Night

Worship Service - 7:30 p.m.

Bible Study - Friday 8 p.m.

Operation Drug Help 24 hr.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF SOUTH BAY

5th & 6th Avenue

Belle Glade

J. FRANCIS COFFEE, PASTOR

Sunday School 9:45 a.m.

Morning Worship 11:00 a.m.

Evening Worship 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday Night

Worship Service - 7:30 p.m.

Bible Study - Friday 8 p.m.

Operation Drug Help 24 hr.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF BELLE GLADE

105 S.W. 10th Avenue

Belle Glade

ROBERT L. BANKS, PASTOR

Sunday School 9:30 a.m.

Morning Worship 10:30 a.m.

Evening Worship 7:30 p.m.

Wednesday Night

Worship Service - 7:30 p.m.

Bible Study Wed. 7:30 p.m.

Young Adult Meeting 8:00 p.m.

Sunday Night

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Final Black Gold Jubilee preparations being made

Stella Taylor's arrival in Belle Glade is less than two weeks away and all systems seem to be "go" for the Third Annual Black Gold Jubilee.

Peter Kirchman reported to the Black Gold Committee Friday, March 20, that "Mrs. Taylor is swimming and running" in training for the 25-mile swim which will arrive in Belle Glade April 6.

Mrs. Taylor wants to be the first person ever to swim the 25 miles from Moore Haven to Belle Glade.

"Everything is pretty well lined up," Kirchman said.

Mrs. Taylor is expected to start her swim in the "middle of the night."

Saturday, April 11, and arrive on Torry Island at the Belle Glade Marina between 4 and 5 p.m. Sunday, April 12.

Mrs. Taylor, 50, made national headlines in October of 1978, when she attempted to swim from the Bahamas to Florida's east coast. She stroked toward sight of land before having to abandon the swim because of rough seas and jelly fish bites.

Mrs. Taylor calculates that she will complete the swim at the rate of 1 1/2 miles per hour. She will be staying in the Belle Glade Holiday Inn as the count-down to the big swim nears.

Reportedly, she will be

making personal appearances in the area during this time. Black Gold Committee members are also planning to ask her to ride in the Black Gold parade, which steps out from Glades Central High School at 10:30 a.m. Saturday, April 11.

In other business Friday, it was announced that plans are being "solidified" for an adult dance at the Elks Club Saturday, April 11, 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. The Association for Retarded Citizens is working on dance preparations. Admission will be \$20 a couple. Though this is a bring your own bottle affair, coolers will not be permitted. Ice and set ups will be sold at the dance.

The Amarillo Band, the group which played at the Heart Ball recently, will provide dance music.

Dean Jones reported that press packets have been mailed to most newspapers, radio stations, and television stations in Palm Beach and Broward Counties, and to some in Dade, Lee, and Okeechobee Counties.

It was also reported that the official Black Gold Jubilee Booklet is nearing completion and expected to go to press the week of March 23-27.

The Black Gold Jubilee meeting will be Friday, March 27, at noon in the Belle Glade municipal complex.

MOON OVER BELLE GLADE

--Glades residents were treated to a full moon over Belle Glade Friday night, March 20. The huge orb

slowly rose into the night sky, marking the last day of winter.

Staff photo by Jim Jones

Mica invited to Red Cross activities

U.S. Rep. Dan Mica will be invited to the all day American Red Cross fund raising activity May 24, designed to raise money for a Glades branch of the national organization.

The invitation of Mica is just one of a ballooning series of events being planned in an attempt to raise the \$60,000 needed to open the new office.

Jerry Krinn of the American Red Cross made the announcement to the plan to invite Mica Tuesday afternoon, March 24.

The Red Cross activities

fall on Memorial Day weekend and the National Guard and the American Legion have been asked to provide a program. One of the chartered aims of the Red Cross is service to members of the armed forces.

Although the opening ceremony is set for noon, anglers taking part in a fishing tournament will have been since first light, trying to catch the big ones. A \$25 entry fee is being charged for the tournament.

A barbecue follows at

12:30 p.m., and tickets are available at the Belle Glade and Pahokee Chambers of Commerce as well as the Glades Office Building.

A water ski show is set for 1 p.m., followed by the weigh-in for the fishing contest at 2:30 p.m. Hang gliders make their appearance at 3 p.m., followed by a rocket brigade competition between local fire departments. Barber pole serving ends at 4:30 p.m. and the day's activities draw to a close at 5 p.m.

One of the highlights of

the day will be the musical entertainment provided by Skip and Debbie Lanhman of Pahokee.

A number of merchants are helping out and have provided prizes to be awarded during the day. Dan Mace has provided a rod and reel, Royals Department Store black and white television, and First American Bank a \$50 savings bond.

Mr. and Mrs. Marshall Bull of Belle Glade are serving as chairman of the event.

County approves CoTran grant

A federal grant application of \$1,167,552 was approved Tuesday, March 17, to continue improvements to CoTran's the countywide bus system.

Palm Beach County Commissioners were informed at a public hearing that \$577,700 would go toward the purchase of four new buses, primarily for use in the Glades and through a Rural Transit Grant.

CoTran manager Irving Cune explained the funds would supplement federal

monies received currently for urban bus routes and provide additional allocations toward rural service, now operated from the coastal area.

He said the four buses and related equipment would cost an estimated \$577,700 plus two years of operating assistance from the federal government at \$598,852. The county and state would match \$779,988 in federal funds with the balance, totaling \$1,176,552.

Estimated costs of two

40-foot 48-passenger buses would be \$300,000 and two 30-foot, 31-passenger coaches at \$220,000. All four buses would be air conditioned and fitted with wheelchair lift devices as mandated by the federal government.

Input for the public hearing included recorded remarks by Glades residents at a March 2 informational meeting.

The commission vote was 2-1 with Chairman Frank Foster dissenting.

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Final Black Gold Jubilee

preparations being made

Stella Taylor's arrival in Belle Glade is less than two weeks away and all systems seem to be "go" for the Third Annual Black Gold Jubilee.

Pete Kirchman reported to the Black Gold Committee Friday, March 20, that "Mrs. Taylor is swimming and running" in training for the 25 mile swim and will arrive in Belle Glade April 6.

Mrs. Taylor wants to be the first person ever to swim the 25 miles from Moore Haven to Belle Glade.

"Everything is pretty well lined up," Kirchman said.

Ms. Taylor is expected to start her swim in the "middle of the night."

Saturday, April 11, and arrive on Torry Island at the Belle Glade Marina between 4 and 5 p.m. Sunday, April 12.

Mrs. Taylor, 50, made national headlines in October of 1978, when she attempted to swim from the Bahamas to Florida's east coast. She stroked toward sight of land before having to abandon the swim because of rough seas and jelly fish bites.

Ms. Taylor calculates that she will complete the swim at the rate of 1½ miles per hour. She will be staying in the Belle Glade Holiday Inn as the countdown to the big swim nears.

Reportedly, she will be

making personal appearances in the area during this time. Black Gold Committee members are also planning to ask her to ride in the Black Gold parade, which steps out from Glades Central High School at 10:30 a.m. Saturday, April 11.

In other business Friday, it was announced that plans are being "solidified" for an adult dance at the Elks Club Saturday, April 11, 9 p.m. to 1 a.m.

The Association for Retarded Citizens is working on dance preparations. Admission will be \$20 a couple. Though this is a bring your own bottle affair, coolers will not be permitted. Ice and set ups

will be sold at the dance.

The Amarillo Band, the group which played at the Heart Ball recently, will provide dance music.

Dean Jones reported that press packets have been mailed to most newspapers, radio station, and television stations in Palm Beach and Broward Counties, and to some in Dade, Lee, and Okeechobee Counties.

It was also reported that the official Black Gold Jubilee Booklet is nearing completion and expected to go to press the week of March 23-27.

The next Black Gold Jubilee meeting will be Friday, March 27, at noon in the Belle Glade municipal complex.

MOON OVER BELLE GLADE --Glades residents were treated to a full moon over Belle Glade Friday night, March 20. The huge orb

slowly rose into the night sky, marking the day of winter.

Staff photo by Jim Jones

Mica invited to Red Cross activities

U.S. Rep. Dan Mica will be invited to the all day American Red Cross fund raising activity May 24, designed to raise money for a Glades branch of the national organization.

The invitation of Mica is just one of a ballooning series of events being planned in an attempt to raise the \$60,000 needed to open the new office.

Jerry Kran of the American Red Cross made the announcement of the plan to invite Mica Tuesday afternoon, March 24.

The Red Cross activities

fall on Memorial Day weekend and the National Guard and the American Legion have been asked to provide a program. One of the chartered aims of the Red Cross is service to members of the armed forces.

Although the opening ceremony is set for noon, anglers taking part in a fishing tournament will have been up since first light, trying to catch the big ones. A \$25 entry fee is being charged for the tournament.

A barbecue follows at

12:30 p.m., and tickets are available at the Belle Glade and Pahokee Chambers of Commerce as well as the Glades Office Building.

A water ski show is set for 1 p.m., followed by the weigh-in for the fishing contest at 2:30 p.m. Hang gliders make their appearance at 3 p.m., followed by a bucket brigade contest between local fire departments. Barbecue serving ends at 4:30 p.m. and the day's activities draw to a close at 5 p.m.

One of the highlights of

the day will be the musical entertainment provided by Skip and Debbie Lantham of Pahokee.

A number of merchants are helping out and have provided prizes to be awarded during the day. Dan Mae has provided a rod and reel, Royals Department Store black and white television, and First American Bank a \$50 savings bond.

Mr. and Mrs. Marshall Bull of Belle Glade are serving as chairman of the event.

County approves CoTran grant

A federal grant application of \$1,176,552 was approved Tuesday, March 17, to continue improvements to CoTran, the countywide bus system.

Palm Beach County Commissioners were informed at a public hearing that \$577,700 would go toward the purchase of new buses primarily for use in the Glades and through a Rural Transit Grant.

CoTran manager Irving Cune explained the funds would supplement federal

monies received currently for urban bus routes and provide additional allocations toward rural service, now operated from the coastal area.

He said the four buses and related equipment would cost an estimated \$577,700 plus two years of operating assistance from the federal government at \$598,852. The county and state would match \$779,888 in federal funds with the balance, totalling \$1,176,552.

Estimated costs of two

40-foot 46-passenger buses would be \$300,000 and two 30-foot, 31-passenger coaches at \$220,000. All four buses would be air conditioned and fitted with wheelchair lift devices as mandated by the federal government.

Input for the public hearing included recorded remarks by Glades residents at a March 2 informational meeting.

The commission vote was 2-1 with Chairman Frank Foster dissenting.

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